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Mr. Cave's weekly message:

What an incredibly busy term we've had! Hours of preparing Year 11 and 13 for what is to come next term, year 10 and 12 sitting mock exams and reading tests for all other year groups, countless primary events, including a fantastic primary school orienteering event this week hosted on site, sporting fixtures that brought heroics and heartache in equal measure, the headteacher's breakfast celebrating countless achievements across the school, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, the unveiling of our

coronation orchard, our Battlefields trip, Science Fair, World Book Day, Knife Crime awareness sessions & over 35,000 merits & rewards issued for students who have day in, day out worked hard in their lessons.

We reach the Easter break amidst this glorious early Spring weather and we're ready for a holiday. For Years 11 & 13, it's a working break as their exam dates loom, and we're looking forward to hosting various revision sessions across the two weeks to support this. When we return there are house competitions, Year 10 Employability Day, Year 7 and 10 Parents Evenings and more DofE expeditions to come. So please enjoy your Easter break, make sure all uniform & equipment is replenished where needed and you're back on Tuesday 22nd ready to go again. Happy Easter to everyone from Devizes School.

Primary Outreach

Southbroom PE lesson



Devizes School recently welcomed Year 1 students from Southbroom Infants for a fun-filled PE lesson led by the school's enthusiastic Sports Leaders. The event, designed to promote physical activity and engagement, focused on developing the children's FUNdamental movement skills in an enjoyable and supportive environment. The session included a variety of activities aimed at improving balance, coordination, and agility. The young students took part in relay races, obstacle courses, and ball skills exercises, all carefully structured to encourage teamwork and confidence.

The year 9 Sports Leaders from Devizes School played a key role in leading the activities, offering guidance and encouragement to ensure that every child felt included and motivated.



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Teachers and staff from both schools praised the event for its positive impact. It was fantastic to see the Sports Leaders stepping up as role models and creating such an engaging experience for the younger students. The collaboration between Devizes School and Southbroom Infants highlights the importance of community engagement in education, demonstrating how older students can inspire and support the next generation through sport. Both schools look forward to more opportunities to work together and continue promoting active, healthy lifestyles for all students.



Mid Wiltshire School Games Orienteering qualifier

We had the absolute privilege to host the School Games orienteering qualifier on Thursday. The grounds of Devizes School came alive with excitement as five primary schools gathered for a thrilling orienteering qualifier. The event, supported by fantastic volunteers from British Orienteering, showcased young talent navigating a high-tech course designed to challenge their map-reading and decision-making skills. With electronic timing systems in place, competitors dashed between checkpoints, working in pairs and teams to complete the course in the fastest time possible. The layout featured a mix of open spaces and trickier wooded areas, testing both speed and strategy. The event would not have been possible without the dedicated British Orienteering volunteers, who guided the children, ensured fair play, and even provided top tips on technique. Their enthusiasm helped to create a fun and encouraging atmosphere, allowing every participant to develop their confidence and skills. As the final runners crossed the finish line, there were cheers, high-fives, and a great sense of achievement all around. Regardless of rankings, every child left with a smile, having experienced the thrill of orienteering and the camaraderie of competition. A big thank you also to the year 9 sports leaders who helped to marshal the course, kept the students entertained at the finish line and motivated the competitors throughout, they were a credit to Devizes School and our SGO thanked them for their hard work and motivation, they even received a small gift from the British Orienteering volunteers!



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April - Month of the Military Child, message from Mr McEvoy

As April is the month of the Military Child, I'd like to do something in school to celebrate our fantastic young people and give the Service Children a chance to feel recognised for their unique experiences. Many may not feel like they've done anything special, or that nothing has really happened to them, but we know that service life can present levels of challenges that they may not even understand are shaping them, and making them grow and adapt, as they become strong and resilient people.

Many schools have hosted poetry, writing and art competitions to highlight the experiences and all the extra add-on's our Service Children might endure; things their peers might not even notice.

I don't want to add any extra strain or work to students, or make them share anything they've uncomfortable with, so I'd like to create a display board in the school that celebrates our students' connection to the military and HM Armed Forces.

It would be wonderful to see some photographs, maybe pictures of the service personnel with the child from years gone by, any old photos of them sat on a vehicle, in the barracks, on the base, or anything that connects our young people with their military heritage. I'll have to dig out the one of me in my Dad's beret sat on Herc rear ramp!

If they want to write to any little poems, or stories, or memories to go along with them, that would be lovely too.

After the Easter Break, if you've collated anything at home that you'd like to send it, please email me with them, and I can start putting together a lovely display board to celebrate the experiences of these students, to really foster the sense of identity and community we want here at Devizes School.

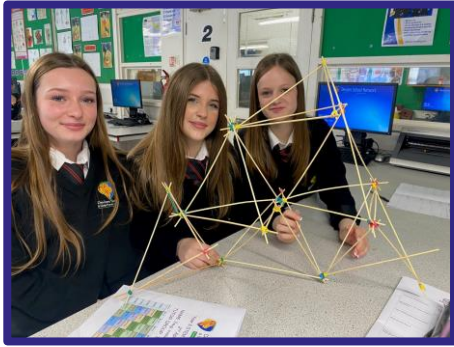
If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please get in contact.

Equally, if there have been any changes in recent family circumstances regarding deployments or movement of a member of the family, please don't hesitate to let me know.

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Year 8 STEM Insight Experience Day - Wednesday 2nd April 2025



Our Year 8 pupils have enjoyed an informative and fun-packed STEM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), where they spent each lesson with a different employer from a wide spectrum of STEM industries. In these sessions they not only got to hear about the businesses and the industry sector which they are in, but also took part in some great interactive activities to experience the STEM aspect within each industry, which included Lego model making, matching and mind mapping games, building structures from

spaghetti stick, marshmallows and plasticine, designing their own trains, team building games and leadership activities.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed getting a taste for what sort of work may be involved in the very varied careers within the STEM sector, and all of the employers were incredibly impressed with their ideas, knowledge and enthusiasm during every activity.



All round, the Year 8 STEM Day was a thoroughly enjoyable and an incredibly informative experience for all involved and we would like to thank everyone who took part, well done!

A Massive thank you to our engaged employers from Navy, Siemens Mobility, EDF Energy, Beard Construction, Canal River Trust, and MOD STEM Ambassadors

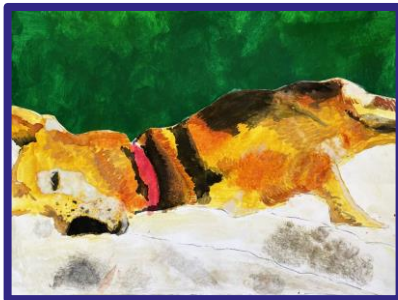


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Art at Devizes School

Amazing pet portraits created in art club this term



These fabulous pieces are created by Evie, Poppy, Josie, Nell and Sophie in our Wednesday Art club this term. The students have used a mix of watercolour paint and acrylic paint and added a pop art background. They have persevered, and it has been well worth it! The Y11's in my room at the time were so impressed. I am so proud of the students. Miss Williams

Voting is now open for Art bytes

Please see the attached poster for voting information.

Lost property



Yesterday all the lost property was laid out for students and parents in class room R2. We filled every table with unnamed coats, PE kits, shoes, bags, trainers, football boots and water bottles.

Please can we request that all items are clearly labelled when students return in Term 5.

Any items that arrive at lost property that are clearly named we will return to students.

Highlight of the day, a single shoe was returned to its owner.



Easter Holiday revision sessions

Year 11 students have received invitations for a number of different revision sessions taking place over the easter holidays. If you have received an email, and your child would like to attend, please complete the Microsoft link with in the email.

Dates for the diary

22nd April – 1st Day of term

8th May – Year 7 online parents evening- Details to follow

13th May – Year 9 Vaccinations

22nd May – Year 10 Parents Evening